



Mexico –United States Symposium on Vision Health:

*Priorities and Opportunities for Bilateral and Regional
Engagement in Scientific and Public Health Research*

Friday
29
January

Agenda

SESSION 1:

Opening Session

Chair: Dr. Maria Julia Marinissen, Health Attaché, US Embassy
Mexico City, US Department of Health and Human Services
(HHS)

Co-Chair: Dr. Paola de La Parra-Colín, Corneal Transplant Coordinator, Mexican
National Institute of Rehabilitation

12:00 PM – 12:10 PM **Introduction and Objectives of the Symposium — Dr. Maria Julia
Marinissen**

12:10 PM – 12:25 PM **Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. John Creamer, Chargé d'affaires, US Embassy Mexico City

Lic. Martha L. Caballero, Director, International Affairs, Ministry of
Health, Mexico

Dr. Irma Zamudio, President, Mexican Society of
Ophthalmology (SMO)

Dr. Michael Chiang, Director, National Eye Institute (NEI), National
Institutes of Health (NIH)

12:25 PM – 1:40 PM **Keynote Presentations: Advances in Visual Health Research**

**Advances in Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research — Dr. Fernando
Arévalo, Chair-Elect of the Board, Pan-American Ophthalmological
Foundation (PAOF) and Head of the Johns Hopkins Department of
Ophthalmology**

**Eye Health in the US – Mexico Border — Dr. Guillermo Amescua,
Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Medical Director of the
Ocular Surface Program, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of
Miami**

**Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Telemedicine-Based Care into
Clinical Practice — Dr. Gavin Tan, Senior Consultant, Singapore National
Eye Centre**

1:40 PM – 1:45 PM **Wrap-Up Comments: Dr. Paola de La Parra-Colín, Corneal Transplant
Coordinator, Mexican National Institute of Rehabilitation**

1:45 PM – 1:50 PM **BREAK**

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SESSION 2: NIH/NEI Research Programs and Funding Opportunities

Sessions Chair: Dr. Gyan “John” Prakash, Director, Office of International Program Activities, National Eye Institute National Institutes of Health
Co-Chair: Dr. Santa J. Tumminia, Deputy Director, NIH/NEI

1:50 PM – 2:00 PM NIH/NEI Opportunities for Global Research and Training — Dr. Gyan “John” Prakash Director, Office of International Program Activities, National Eye Institute National Institutes of Health

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM PAAO Opportunities for Education and Training — Dr. Miguel Burnier Jr., President, PAAO

2:10 PM – 2:20 PM World Report on NIH Grants in Mexico — Mr. Michael Cheetham, Fogarty International Center, NIH

2:20 PM – 2:30 PM Current Priorities for NIH/NEI Funded Research and Grants — Dr. Lisa Neuhold & Dr. Michael Steinmetz, Program Office Directors, Extramural Science Program, NIH/NEI

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM NIH Grants and Scientific Review Process — Dr. Seetha Bhagavan, Coordinator for Review of International Programs, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

2:40 PM – 2:50 PM Q&As

2:50 PM – 2:55 PM Wrap-Up Comments: Dr. Santa J. Tumminia, Deputy Director, NIH/NEI

2:55 PM – 3:00 PM BREAK

SESSION 3: Vision Health in Mexico – Joint Research and Training Models and Opportunities

Chair: Dr. Van Charles Lansingh, Director of International Affairs, Mexican Institute of Ophthalmology and Chief Medical Officer, Help-Me-See

Co-Chair: Dr. Francisco Martinez-Castro, Chief Editor, Newsletter on Diabetic Retinopathy of the Vision 2020 Latin America Program

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM New Data on Global Blindness and the Current Situation in Mexico and Priorities on Research and Public Health — Dr. Van Charles Lansingh, Director of International Affairs, Mexican Institute of Ophthalmology and Chief Medical Officer, Help-Me-See

3:10 PM – 3:20 PM Telemedicine for Diabetic Eye Disease — Dr. Ellery Lopez-Star, Director, IMO

3:20 PM – 3:30 PM Glaucoma Tele-Health — Dr. Jesús Jimenez-Roman, President, Mexican Center for Preventive Visual Health, Mexican Society of Ophthalmology

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Experience as NIH/NEI Fellow — Dr. Bethania Lopez, Outreach coordinator for extramural activities, IMO

The Joys and Challenges of an NEI-Funded Foreign Research Collaboration— Prof. Fabrice Manns, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

The US-Mexican Network for Clinical Research on Emerging Infectious Diseases (LaRed) — Dr. Clifford Lane, Deputy Director for Clinical Research and Special Projects, NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) & Dr. Guillermo Ruiz Palacios, Director, La Red. Professor of Medicine, Department of Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Medical Sciences & Nutrition (TBC)

Q&As

Closing Remarks: The future of Mexico-United States collaboration in Vision Health – Co-chairs

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